PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1774

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re the Application of

Mieko Tanaka et al.

Application No.: 09/842,824

Filed: April 27, 2001

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING RIDGY RESIN FILM AND RECORDING MEDIUM

Docket No.: 109358 🗒

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Group Art Unit: 1774

Examiner:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 31, 2003 Office Action, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 12-25 are pending in this application. By the Office Action, claims 15, 17-20 and 22-24 are objected to, claim 12 is withdrawn from consideration, and claims 13, 14, 16, 21 and 25 are rejected.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 15, 17-20 and 22-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable. For all of the reasons described below, all of claims 12-25 are allowable.

I. Restriction Requirement

Claim 12 is withdrawn from consideration. It is respectfully submitted that claim 12 should be considered in the present application. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that